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COAST GUARD TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON MARITIME SECURITY (IMPORTANT REGULATORY NOTICE)

The U.S. Coast Guard is announcing a series of public meetings on the implementation of the recently passed Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code as well as recent amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS). These meetings will be held in New Orleans; Louisiana, Cleveland, Ohio; St. Louis, Missouri; Seattle, Washington; San Pedro, California; Jacksonville, Florida; and New York, New York. The purpose of these meetings is to outline the requirements of the MTSA and the ISPS Code and solicit public input that will be used in drafting regulations. The meetings will also include representatives from the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) and the Maritime Administration (MARAD) to address various issues in the MTSA.

The Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 contains several provisions intended to enhance America's maritime community against the threat of terrorism. Many of the requirements in the MTSA directly align with the international security requirements adopted this December during a Diplomatic Conference on Maritime Security at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) with broader application for domestic vessels and facilities. These meetings will include discussion on issues such as:

- Port Security Committees and Port Security Plans. (NVIC 09-02 found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/index.htm>).
- Vessel Security Assessments and Plans. (NVIC 10-02 found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/index.htm>).
- Vessel and Company Security Officers.
- Facility Security Assessments and Plans.
- Facility Security Officers

The public meetings will be held on the following dates and at the following locations.

- January 27, 2003, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., New Orleans, LA at the Hilton Riverside on 2 Poydras Street.
- January 30, 2003, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Cleveland, OH at the Sheraton Cleveland City Centre Hotel on 777 St. Clair Ave in the Dorothy Fuldheim Room.
- January 31, 2003, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., St. Louis, MO at the Robert A. Young Federal Building (R.A.Y. Building) on 1222 Spruce St.
- February 3, 2003, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Seattle, WA at the Boeing Field Building 2-22, Auditorium on 7755 East Marginal Way South.

Please visit our web site at <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/louisville/index.html>

- February 5, 2003, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., San Pedro, CA at the Port of Los Angeles Building on 425 S. Palos Verdes St.
- February 7, 2003, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jacksonville, Fl at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Building on 921 N. Davis St., Building E.
- February 11, 2003, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., New York City, NY at the Customs House Auditorium in the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Customs House on 1 Bowling Green.

The addresses and dates of these public meetings were published in a Federal Register notice that also further explains the requirements of MTSA, the SOLAS amendments and the ISPS Code as well as the type of information that Coast Guard is requesting comment on at these meetings. The Federal Register docket number is [USCG-2002-14069] and can be viewed on the internet at http://dmses.dot.gov/docimages/pdf84/210107_web.pdf.

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